The Declaration

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GRADUATES PLAN COLLEGE CAREERS

While school will be over for a number of seniors after graduation, a number of us will be continuing our education at colleges, universities, trade schools, and technical schools. Recently, the Declaration asked the top twenty seniors at Colonia what their post-high school plans were. Not surprisingly each member of the top twenty is going on to some form of postgraduate education.

The schools they have chosen are as follows:

#1 Michael McGovern
M.I.T.

#1 Lisa Weiss
Boston College

#1 Marcie Ziegler
Princeton University

#4 Terry Dymkowski
Smith College

#5 Terri Sharp
Rutgers-Pharmacy

#6 Laura Adornetto
Villanova University

#7 Mike Minaides (Tool)
Rutgers College

#7 John Peterson
Rutgers College

#7 Eric Staffen
University of Michigan

#10 Mita Mystry
Rutgers-Douglas

#11 Dawn Lishak
Bucknell

#11 Kira Przybylko
Bucknell

#11 Karen Tansey
John Jay School

#14 Nancy Parker
General Motors Institute

#15 Robert Karczewski
Rutgers-Engineering

#16 Scott Roman (Toro)
University of Conn.

#17 Judi Milito
Penn State

#18 Ann Laico
Seton Hall

#19 Eileen Coughlin
University of Penn.

#20 John Fussa
University of Notre Dame

#20 Louis Glinn
Rutgers College

#20 Jodi Schaefer
Syracuse University

VICTORY!

Juggs Triumphant (Virtually)

by MD Jasny, Jugg Reporter

In what was unquestionably their primo performance of the academic year, the Juggernaut squad took second place and $500 in the 1985 Perth Amboy Decathlon of Knowledge, losing only to St. Joseph High School in a tension-wrought final round. To even qualify for the finals, Juggernaut team members Marcie Ziegler, John Canete, Peter Gardos, Robert Goldstein, Richard Hyjack, Michael Jasny, Ted Katramados, John Schwab, Joseph Gawronski, Susan Rubin, and Louis Ziegler had to outscore 22 teams from other area schools.

The Decathlon finals have been a holy grail for the Juggernauts; the team had been cursed with bad fortune both years of their participance. Consequently, the team entered warily. Wallopping Metuchen High School in the first round bolstered their confidence, however. At the end of the second round, Colonia found itself nested upon a 100+ point cushion. There was little question over Colonia's position. Members positioned themselves in the top row of the huge Perth Amboy auditorium to make "an entrance" for the cameras.

With the so-called "tough" questions behind them, Colonia led St. Joseph's by a wide margin. The "Challenge crew" combined beautifully; the sophomores complimented the proficiency of the juniors. Canete was invaluable in handling several abstruse WW II questions. It was a memorable moment when Gardos insisted that the answer to some trivia concerning Renaissance planting was Jethro Tull. Puzzled looks predominated, but Jasny, having seen in the suggested answer a vague glimmer of fact, assisted Gardos in pressuring spokesman Katramados into facing potential humiliation, and reading, seriously, "Jethro Tull," which, of course, did turn out to be absolutely correct.

Rock-star pagans with cognomens of British agriculturalists notwithstanding, St. Joseph's closed the gap; at the end of the final rond, the score read 610-610. The tie was unprecedented. Rules were quickly composed by Decathlon personnel, and a fifth truncated round of play was begun. Ten minutes later, the round was concluded, Colonia had lost.

And yet, the victory was Colonia's. (Here I must break off 3rd person narrative, for my heart is near-cloyed with Juggernaut patriotism.) It is true that our prize money was half that of St. Joseph's, and our trophy two feet short of theirs, but the renoun that we have finally gained is invaluable. Schools of lesser timbre, aside! A golden age has dawned for Colonia High School Juggernauts! (Amen.)

CLUB NEWS

Future Homemakers of America

The students this year made a variety of craft items before Christmas , Valentines Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter which were sold and then reinvested to get more supplies for next year. They made Fabric Wreaths, Christmas hats and stockings, Care Bear Christmas ornaments, Valentine Heart door decorations, Cabbage Patch Doll clothes, St. Patrick's Day decorations, Easter wreaths, baskets and bunnies. In addition, the students made an assortment of small stuffed animals (ducks, rabbits, bears, etc.) and donated them to the Glen Cove Special Education Pre-School classes to be used as teaching-learning toys.

CLOSE-UP PLANNED

Close-Up, the national program in which interested juniors travel to Washington D.C. for an in-depth look at the government process, commenced on Friday, May 19, and concluded on Saturday May 25. Mr. Alexander Urban represented the faculty. Student participants were: Denise Dragos, Peter Gardos, Ann Marie Horsefield, Michael Jasny, Susan Lazorchak, Boris Naumenko, Lauren Panico, Marie Phan, Alexandra Sheldon, and Susan Sohayda.

ORCHESTRA

This year's string orchestra, under the direction of Mrs. Strack, performed at the Spanish Honor Society Induction and a school concert. "They are a professional quality group" says Mrs. Strack.

The string quartet members include Tobyn DeMarco, Jonathan Canete, Charles Moricz, and Susan Amory.

Two of Mrs. Strack's students have distinguished themselves this year. Jonathan Canete, grade 11, played for the Plainfield Symphony, New Jersey Youth Symphony, and the "Oklahoma" pit band. He was a soloist and quartet member of Colonia High School's orchestra.

Charles Moricz, grade 9, was in the "Oklahoma" pit band, a soloist, and quartet and orchestra member.

Mrs. Strack commented that this was a big accomplishment for a 9th grade student.

CHEERLEADERS

The Colonia Cheerleaders competed in March at the largest competition in the state. The Varsity took a first degree of excellence and the Jr. Varsity took the over-all championship of their division. An outstanding job throughout the year was done by the Varsity under Valerie Clemente, capt.

DEAR DEE

Dear Dee,

I'm not even sure if this is really a problem but I'll ask your advice regarding my "situation." I've been going out with the same guy for a long time now and I really care about him and like him. But, a guy who I used to like has all of a sudden jumped into the picture again. He's been friendly, nothing more, so my problem isn't keeping him away. My problem is that, since I never had any reason to stop liking him, now that he's back I'm starting to remember how I felt and I can't help thinking about him. I want to keep in touch with him because we're friends but I can't let myself like him- what can I do?

Hot For Two

Dear Hot,

Your feeling is very common. If you like someone and you split apart for some reason, it's hard to completely forget your feelings. Sometimes that's great, because it's easier to get back together. But, sometimes, like in your case, it can hurt. If I were you I would stay friends with him, but not get too close. Remember who comes first- your boyfriend. Maybe you can even try to make your friendship with your boyfriend better in order to keep your mind off the other guy.

Dear Dee,

My girlfriend broke off with me because she said I want to see her too much and I don't give her "enough room to breathe." All I want to do is be around her because I like her so much and isn't that what two people who like each other are supposed to do? Help!!

Not a Leech

Dear Leech,

Since you are young, it isn't best to spend every waking minute with one person. You need your individuality- you shouldn't sacrifice it for a relationship, and neither should she. Most girls you meet will feel the same way, and that's for the best. As they say, anything in excess is not good for you. See your girlfriend, but do the other things you did before you met her, too!

Dear Dee,

I am a senior girl who likes a senior guy. I see him three periods a day, and we usually talk a great deal. I'd really like to try to start a relationship with him, but he's going to college in Massachusetts next year while I'm staying in New Jersey. What should I do?

Want Him Bad

Dear Wanting him bad,

If you "want him" so much you shouldn't worry about next September. You'll still be in New Jersey so that when he comes home for breaks you could see each other, as well as maybe visit each other when you're free on weekends. There's still a whole summer ahead of you, and if I were you I'd go for it. Even if it doesn't work out as a long term relationship, at least you'll get closer and be good friends.

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ARMY. BE ALL YOU CAN BE.

Dear Dee,

I'm a senior guy and all year long I've sat behind a girl with gorgeous hair in my history class. I always want to touch it- somtimes I have to sit on my hands to control myself. I can't even concentrate on my work anymore! This problem is driving me crazy. I'm afraid one day I might end up pulling her hair right out of her head. Help me! Please!!

The Mad Hair Grabber

Dear Mad,

Change your seat or consult a psychoanalyst! You need help!

MATH CLUB

All math competitions for the year are over. The top scorer for this year was Louis Ziegler, with Robert Goldstein a close second. Members of the Math Club competed with students throughout the state.

CLUB NEWS

FORENSICS

On April 20, 1985, the Colonia High School Forensics Team under the direction of Mrs. Bari Kopelson, was again victorious. Present, at Hanover Park High School for this tournament, were eighteen schools from the New York and New Jersey area. The participating students were primarily novice underclassmen who were encouraged to use this competition as a learning experience.

Although all students are to be congratulated, the trophy winners were Christina Gaetano, who placed third in the **Impromptu** category, and Janice Wilson who placed third in the **Prose Reading Division**. The other competitors representing Colonia High School were Amy Miller, John Swain, Erin Reilly, Mita Mistry, Matt Sica, Louis Ziegler, Bhavini Shah, and Jeff Jackson.

Even though this was the first year of competition for this team, they ended their winning season with a record of attending four tournaments and winning five trophies. The season may be closing now, but this is only the beginning of a bright future for the Colonia High School Forensics Society.

Next year's officers are:
Pres.: Chris Gaetano; V.P. of points: Louis Ziegler; V.P. of programs: Janice Wilson; Recording Secretary: Jeff Jackson; Corr. Secretary: Lawrence Margolin; Treasurer: Bhavini Shah; Historian: Matt Sica.

HEALTH CAREERS

The members of the Senior Health Careers Club are to be commended. They have worked at J.F.K. Medical Center all year (3 or 4 evenings per week). Administrators there have given them consistently excellent evaluations, extolling their enthusiasm, dependability, hard work, maturity and willingness to learn.

The Junior Health Career members have "grown" in every way except size. It was difficult to select one or two outstanding students since so many of them have contributed enthusiastically to the group.

Each student in the Senior Health Careers Club investigated a Health Career such as Physiotherapist, Midwife, Laboratory Technician, etc., in addition to Nursing Careers.

They interviewed a person in that particular career, did research, and presented both oral and written reports to the class.

Both Junior and Senior Health Career Club members went on two field trips: one to Bryman Campus and the other to Childrens' Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

They also did very nicely with fund raising to pay for an employer/employee dinner for JFK Medical Center supervisors in appreciation for their kindness to us while working there.

C.O.E. UPDATE

Co-operative Office Education

On April 24, the students in COE celebrated National Secretaries' Day by inviting the secretaries in the Main Office and Guidance to come visit their COE class where these secretaries were served cake and punch.
The COE students also received a carnation in recognition of National Secretaries Day.
On June 4, the COE students will hold a luncheon for their employers. At this luncheon a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift are presented to each employer to thank them for their guidance and help throughout the year. Some of the students will also receive awards at the luncheon, and all students will receive Certificates of Participation. Joanne Wood will make the introductions; COE Class Pres. Susan Ruskai will make a welcoming speech; and Jana Sharkey will give the farewell speech. Some of the guests from Central Administration will also give speeches and assist in presenting awards and certificates.

Awards & Scholarships:

Holly Sefcsik received a $5,100 scholarship from the Berkeley Schools. Rosella Adams received a $300 scholarship from the Cittone Institute.
Susan Ruskai, a National Honor Society member, was nominated to receive an award presented by the New Jersey Cooperative Office Education Coordinators Association. in a nomination. After that, the award is selected purely by chance in a random drawing. This year, the award went to a student from another school.
Rosella Adams received the Berkeley School Award for Outstanding Perserverance in Business Subjects at Colonia High School. Each school in the state could nominate a student. All of the recipients received their awards at a reception for themselves and their parents at the Landmark Inn in Woodbridge.
Our congratulations to Michele Grillo who was selected for the National Honor Society this year.
Awards from the COE class will be given on Awards Night. A plaque will be given to the Outstanding Senior Business Student and a cash award to an outstanding COE student.

SKI CLUB

Chris Penna has handled the bookkeeping for the Ski Club for two years most efficiently and conscienciously. Thanks to his efforts we have been able to ski at many different ski resorts at minimal costs to students. His quiet, yet effective, organizational skills and hard work have largely contributed to making the ski club the most popular activity in the school aside from organized athletics.

SINO-AMERICAN CLUB

SAC had a very meaningful year. Members were invited to Seton Hall University for a college visitation day by the Department of Asian Studies. They had a joyful Christmas-Hannakuh party and gave donations to the UNESCO Fund. They celebrated Chinese New Year with food and festivities. They also visted museums viewing cultural objects. They celebrated International Day by tasting Chinese food brought in by a local restaurant. They heard several lectures and received visitors from China and nearby colleges.
Officers who have worked dilligently and gave their time for the service of the Sino-American Club include Andrea Venice and Michele Lemmon. They deserve recognition for their untiring service throughout the school year.

SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

The induction ceremony of new members took place on April 23rd, in the CHS Media Center. As part of the ceremony conducted in Spanish, the inductees recited a poem in Spanish, as well as the oath. Colonia's string quartet provided the musical complement, including a solo by Jonathan Canete, also an inductee that night.
Inductees were:
Darren Brenner, Jonathan Canete, Susan Engemann, Michele Gawronski, Robert Goldstein, Theodore Katramados, Dena Mattina, John O'Donnell, Julie Robertshaw, John Schwab, and Janice Wilson.
Congratulations to all inductees!

S.A.D.D. DAY

On May 6, SADD members and their parents held a reception in honor of Robert Anastas, founder of SADD.

On May 7, the 2nd annual SADD day was held. SADD members and seniors from Colonia, JFK, and Avenel Learning Center were bussed to Woodbridge High School to hear Mr. Anastas speak about the dangers of drinking and driving.

The underclassmen saw a film of Mr. Anastas in their health and gym classes and were reminded of the SADD message as they passed through the halls and read the posters done by SADD members.

On May 11, several SADD members distributed information to the community at the Alcohol Awareness Booth at Woodbridge Center. Mothers against Drunk Driving (MADD) was also present.

A lot of planning went into this year's SADD day, and Mrs. Hollander would like to thank the members of SADD for giving their time and effort to make this year's SADD Day such a success. She would also like to thank all the students, faculty and staff who supported them by buying T-shirts and buttons.

SADD is successful in Colonia because you don't let a friend drive drugged or drunk! Keep spreading the word!

Anyone interested in joining SADD next year may see Mrs. Hollander in Room 212 before or during homeroom.